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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 4/20/05 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

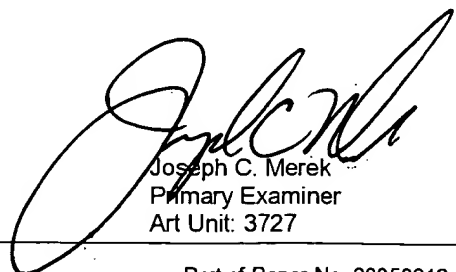
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*Enclosed find a copy of the IDS which has been considered. The documents listed on the IDS were part of the International search report. Both the search report and the documents were received by the PTO on 6/25/99.*

  
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